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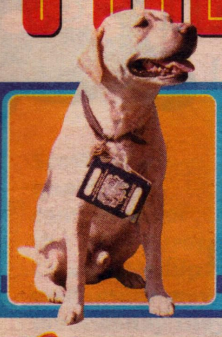

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Pretty soon your pet will be able to get a passport and travel the world!
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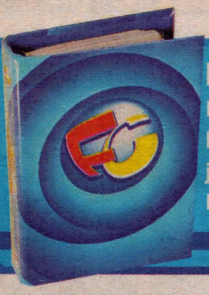

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## SCOOBY-DOO! in SCOOBY IN THE BOOBY HATCH!

**The story so far ...** Scooby and Shaggy are spooked because they have a spectre hot on their heels. But is it really a ghost?

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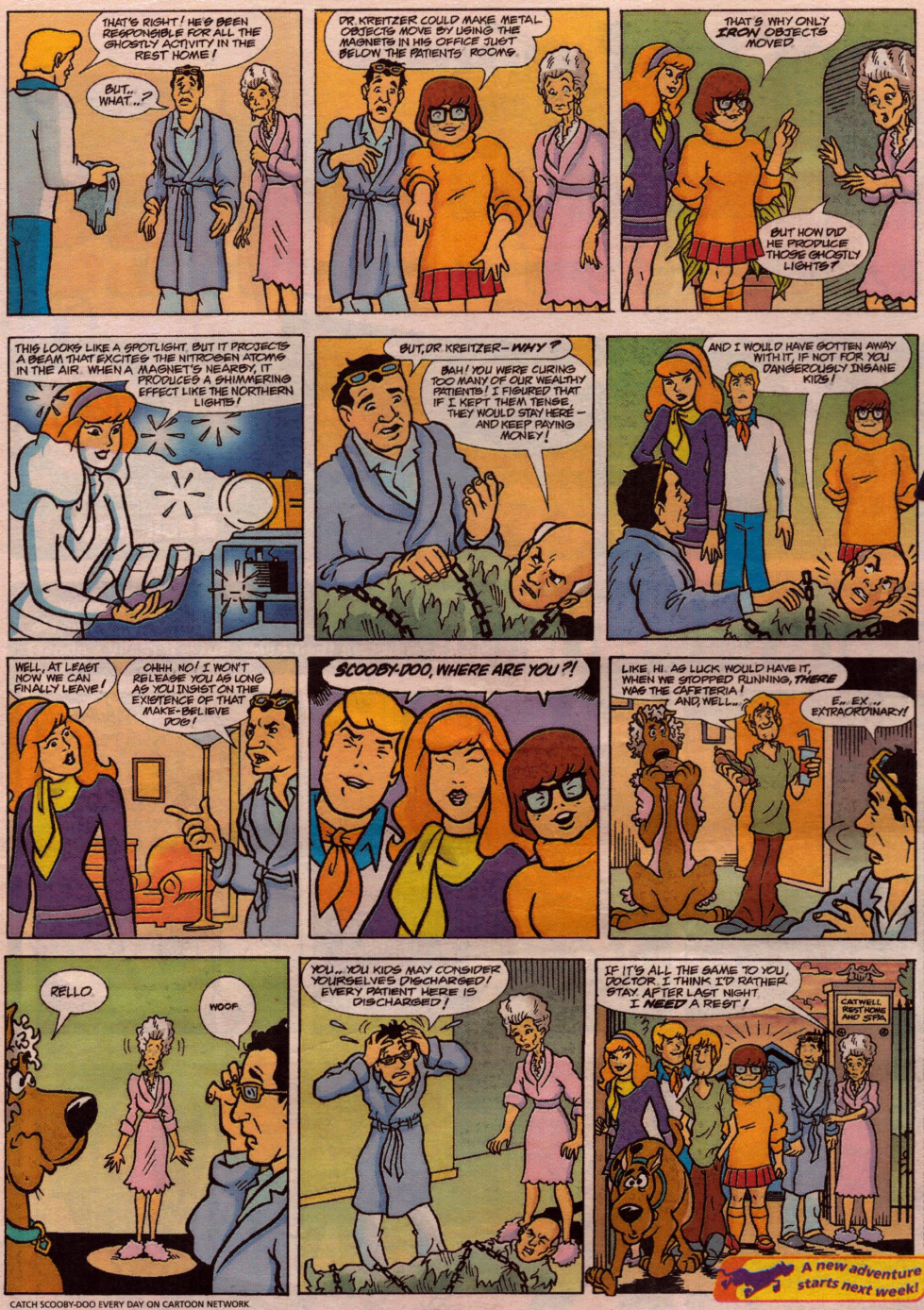


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THE FUNDAY TIMES FUN CLUB THE RED HOUSE

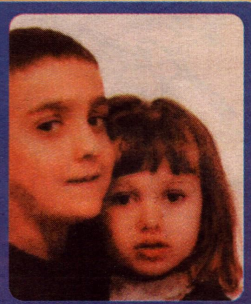
# f-mail

The star letter will receive the Tiger Deluxe Ultra Pack PC, essential for aspiring scholars. Runners-up will receive the zappy Brain Shift, a fast-moving memory game!

TIGER

**Dear f-mail,**
During the school holidays I went on a windsurfing course, that lasted a day, on a nearby loch. I went with my friend Iain, my brother Donald and his friend Daniel. At lunchtime, a boy spotted a sign warning you of a disease in the water called Weil's Disease, which is carried by rats' urine. We all crowded around it and remembered the symptoms because it said that if you caught it and did not get treatment, it could be fatal! Four days later I woke up at 5.00am feeling sick. I had a sore head, sore limbs and a very high temperature. I soon realised that I was experiencing some of the symptoms mentioned on the sign. Mum said that I should stay in bed, which I did. At 11.30am we went to see the doctor, who prescribed penicillin and said I should spend my first day back at school ... at home!
**Alastair White, age 10, Blairgowrie**

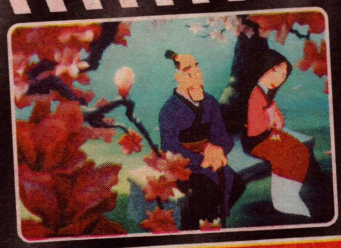
**Dear f-mail,**
Thank you for making The Funday Times each week. I used the picture of Earth for my homework, which was about space.
**John Day, age 7, Maldon**
PS: This is a photo of me and my sister.



**Dear f-mail,**
This August I went swimming with my cousin and best friend. I was learning to swim because if I don't learn I might drown when I go on holiday with my mum. We're going on a canal boat. I think it's good that I'll be able to swim. Soon I will go to lessons with my school and I will get really good at it. Practise makes perfect.
**Hollie Warren, age 7, Thrybergh**

UCI CINEMAS THE GREAT ESCAPE for kids

## SCREEN SNAPS



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Tell us what you think is about to happen in this scene from Mulan and win a one month pass for one child and one adult. This means you'll be able to go to UCI Cinemas every day for one month free! Five runners-up get a goody bag stuffed with great Mulan merchandise from Buena Vista.

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Entries to The Fun Club address, above, by October 21

# The FUN Club

# TROLLS ON HOLS

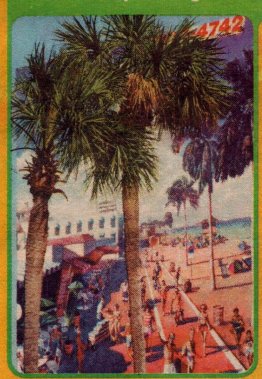
Everyone loves the Trolls, so make sure that you look out for special packs of Weetos. You can collect this set of hair-raising Trolls on hols! If you collect all seven, you will get a limited edition wacky Professor Weeto as well.

If you send us a great photograph of you and your family looking like Trolls on hols, we may be sending you off on hols too!

**Win**

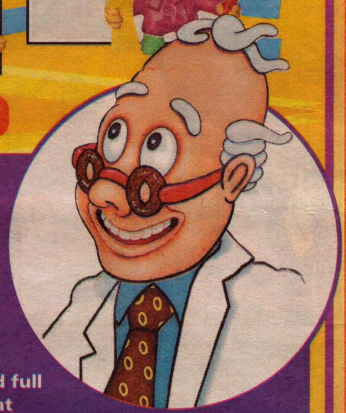
Here's your chance to win lots of fabulous prizes from Weetos!

First prize is a fantastic all-expenses-paid week in Florida, USA, for a family of four. This includes seven nights accommodation and £300 spending money.



Second prize is a wonderful weekend break at Disneyland Paris, for a family of four. This includes two nights accommodation, £150 spending money and entrance passes.

Also 10 lucky winners will get a year's supply of Weetos to munch on, few can resist the chunky, chocolatey hoops, packed full of wholewheat goodness.



So come on, dig out your favourite holiday snapshot and send it to us at The Fun Club address, on page 2, by October 21

WEETOS

Note: Prize winners may travel between November 1998 and December 1999, excluding Christmas, Easter and Bank Holidays, subject to availability.

## CARTOON STAR

**WIN**

Get creative and you could win some great gear from Nickelodeon Yikes! The Cartoon Star will get a cool limited edition Nickelodeon Yikes mountain bike plus a goody bag full of groovy writing stuff like Screwballs and Goofballs black lead pencils, Fountain Of All Knowledge cartridge pens and No Brainer and Pinwheel erasers.

Runners-up get a goody bag!

**STAR**

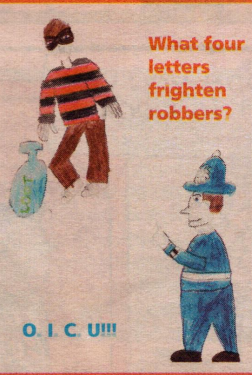
James Speedy, age 11, Wallingford

What is the best diet for athletes?

Runner beans!

Matthew Turner, age 6, Pontypool

What four letters frighten robbers?



O. I. C. U!!!

Faye Caldwell, age 12, Belfast

What do you get if you cross an encyclopedia and a pair of trousers?

Smarty pants!

# Asterix and the Normans

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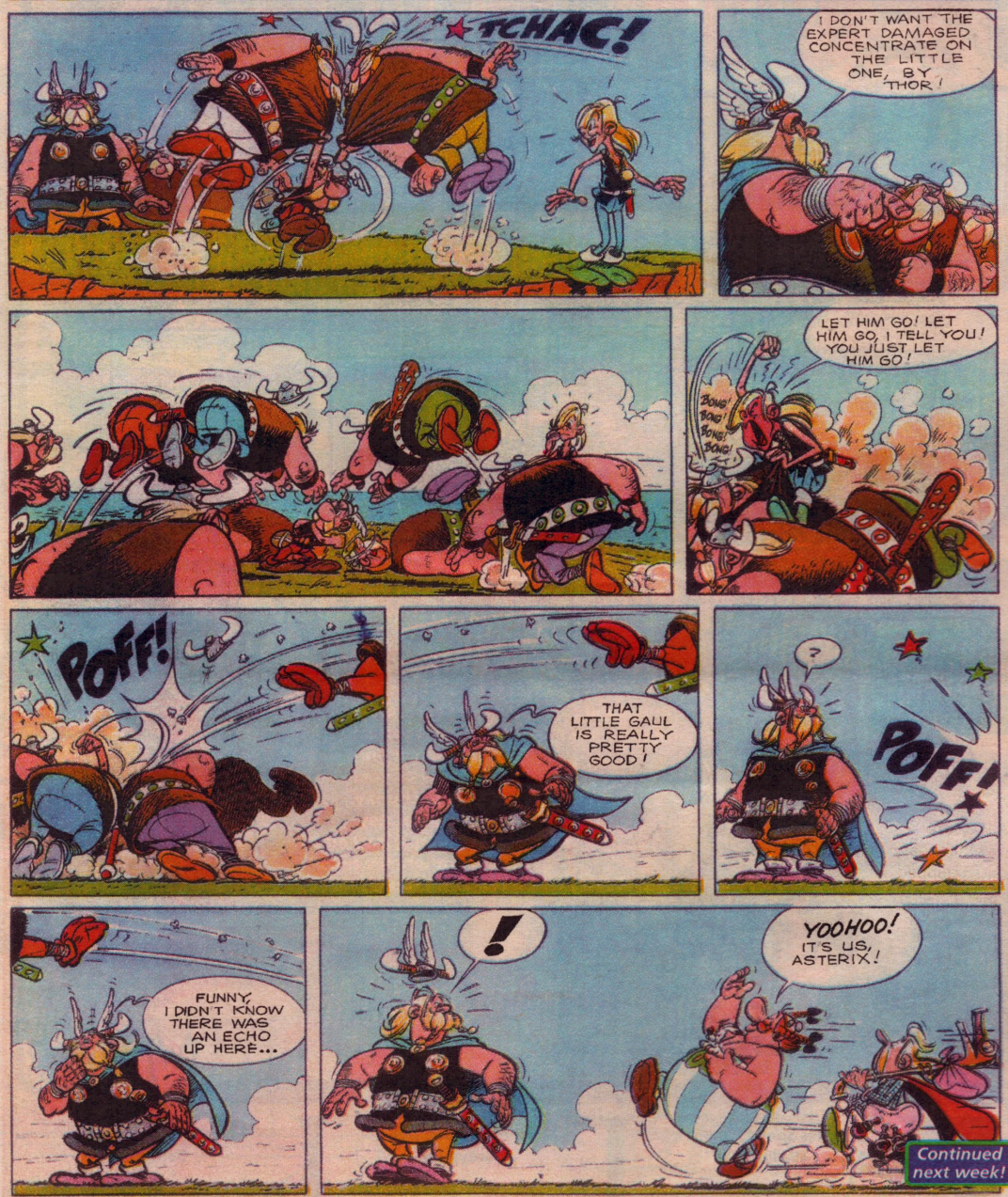


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If you write to us via the Internet you have the chance to win these interactive prizes from The Learning Company. The star e-mail wins Comptons 3D World Atlas and Comptons Encyclopedia of Animals and Nature. Runners-up will win one of either.

Recently, the group which controls the UK charts made a rule that all CD singles can only have a maximum of three tracks to enter the charts, so now singles are £4 for just three songs or even less! This is unfair to us, the customers, who are being ripped off, and maybe even the bands, if they wanted to put more tracks on to please their fans.
**Dina Shah**

I think the new craze of yo-yoing is really cool. My dad bought me a yo-yo and I spent two whole days practising with it. Now I know how to sleep, walk the dog and throw the yo-yo in different directions. My favourite trick is sleeping. However, because I was practising so much, my arm got really sore!
**Sarah Lee**

I have just come back from Lanzarote. It is a volcanic island and it was like visiting the moon! We went to Timanfaya National Park. It has an active volcano. They cook food on it and a man pours water into holes in the ground and steam gushes out like a geezer. The man passed us some small pebbles from the ground and they were really hot! It was very interesting – I had never seen a volcano before.
**Carrie-Anne Thomas**

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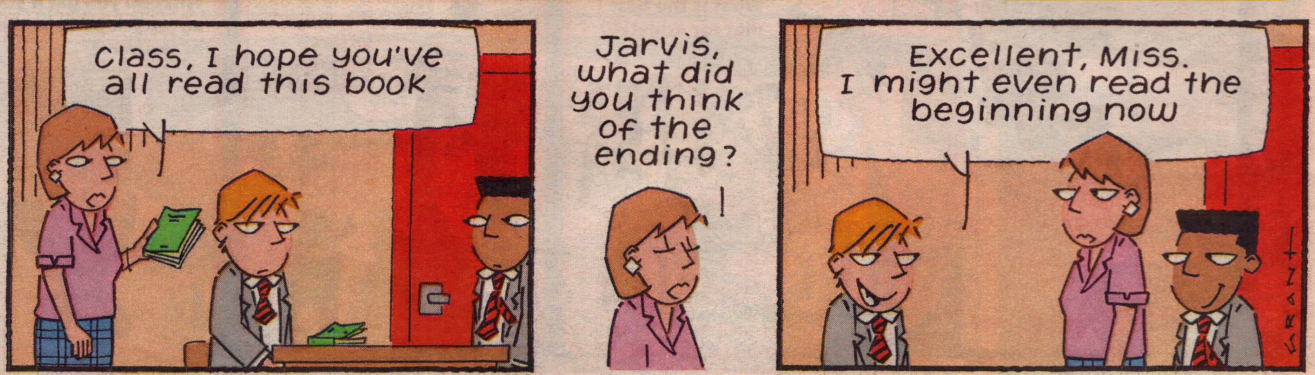
## Jarvis

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# NEWS

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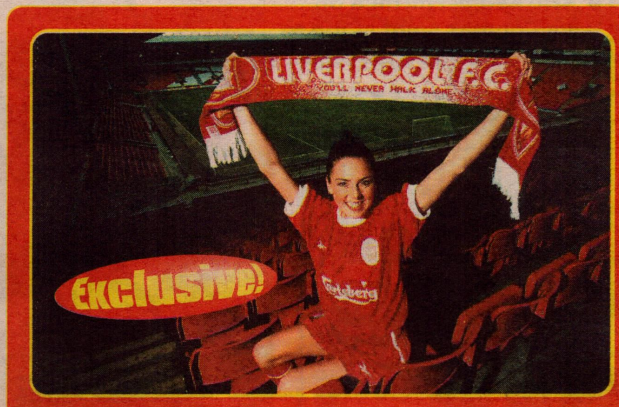
## Pigs might fly!

Pets, including dogs, cats and even pigs, will be given passports in the future to allow them to enter Britain directly without having to go in to quarantine if a group of campaigners can get what they say are out-dated laws changed. Currently, animals coming into our country have to be isolated for a six-month period while checks are made on them for diseases like rabies. Pressure groups say technology now makes this unnecessary with vaccinations, blood testing and micro-chipped proof of a 100% healthy animal making the "passports for pets" a more humane and sensible alternative – putting an end to the stressful six-month separation of owner and faithful friend.




## Kicking back

After an exhausting eight-month world tour, what do you do to relax? Spice Girls Victoria and Emma stayed at home and put their feet up in front of the TV, but Mel C couldn't wait to get back to the terraces! So, she grabbed her scarf and joined thousands of Liverpool fans at Old Trafford, where her favourite team were battling against the Red Devils.

"I was gutted that Liverpool lost, but I thought they played all right," Mel told us. "Unfortunately Manchester United were the better team on the night and the ball didn't want to go into their net. I wanted Robbie Fowler to come on sooner," she sighed. "And I get so nervous when I go to Old Trafford that I feel physically sick."

But Mel is confident of revenge! "Manchester United want to watch out when they get to Anfield, because Liverpool will be waiting for them!"

Mel made the trip to Manchester a real family day out. "I went with my mum, dad, brother, nephew and uncle, who are all Liverpool supporters. I got asked for lots of autographs – it's so good to be home, it's the best."

And even though Mel's been enjoying the delights of cities all round the world, she still loves her home town best. "I'm contemplating returning to live in Liverpool permanently," she explained. "Now that we're back in the country, I'm going to be spending a lot more time in Liverpool."

Watch out Spice Girls fans! Spiceworld The Movie – Special Edition is released on November 2. The double video features 45 minutes of behind-the-scenes footage, interviews and out-takes. It will spice up your life!

## Queasy rider

An eagle kept as a mascot by the Royal Air Forces Association is recovering after becoming airsick on a plane travelling to Scotland. Macon, a black eagle, was winging his way up in first-call style aboard a Hercules aircraft on a flight from a base in Wiltshire to one in Fife when he started to feel as sick as a parrot ... or is that now an eagle? The Air Force tells us that Macon is now well on the way to recovery.

## Finger flicking good

An eight-year-old now has the world at her fingertips after becoming the youngest-ever person to be picked to play in the Subbuteo World Cup. Kate Salmon is so great at the table-top soccer game that she has been selected to represent the Welsh team at the tournament in Belgium. The Flintshire flicker told The Funday Times, "I am very nervous but I will be doing my best not to let anybody down."

## Go the distance

Ben Lecomte, 31, has become the first person to swim the 6,000km across the Atlantic. The Texan airline worker battled his way through the extreme cold and dodged shark attacks for 73 days to set the mark for others to beat. As he staggered ashore in Brittany, France, nursing an arm injury and despite chronic muscle fatigue, a delighted Ben knew he had raised around £100,000 for cancer research as he fell into the arms of his family and fiancée.

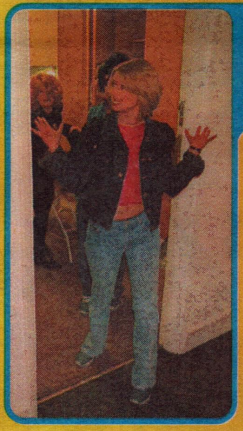
# Rollercoaster rid

**When you've got a monster hit single on your hands and a fab new album on the way – appearing on TV is all in a day's work. And when B*Witched performed on Blue Peter recently, Dave Coombs went along to take a look at what goes on behind the scenes.**

Blue Peter doesn't go on air until 5.10pm, but it's a live show, so there's a lot to be done beforehand and B*Witched arrive at BBC TV Centre in West London at midday.

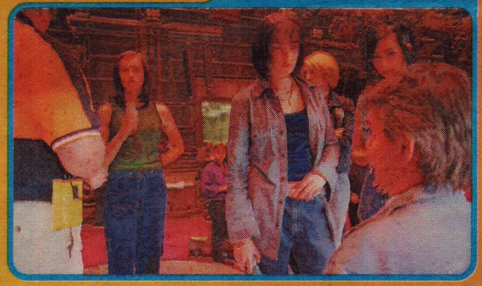
Sinead, Lindsay, Keavy and Edele, head straight for their dressing room, which will be their base for the afternoon.

There's a lot of hanging around involved with any TV programme, and nothing much happens for the first hour. The girls speak to their friends and families on their mobile phones.



It's 1.20pm and time for the first rehearsal. Sinead can't wait – so she's first out of the dressing room.

The girls are going to sing Rollercoaster live this afternoon – so there are several technical challenges to iron out before they can get going.

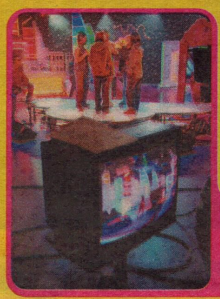


*The album, B*Witched, is out tomorrow and Blue Peter celebrates its 40th anniversary this week. Look out for Friday's show, featuring all the programme's past presenters!*

The band bring their own microphones, and BBC sound engineers make lots of technical adjustments to ensure that the radio signals from the four mikes are picked up correctly by the studio sound system.

At last, the opening bars of Rollercoaster boom out of the studio speakers and the girls leap into their dance routine. But Lindsay notices a problem. "This stage is a bit small," she squeals. "I nearly fell over the edge that time. So we're going to have to be very careful while we're dancing!"

While the technical crew make adjustments to lights, cameras, the stage and the sound system, B*Witched have wait patiently until they are asked to do it again. During rehearsals, the girls sing and dance their way through Rollercoaster eight times!



Bridget Caldwell, Blue Peter's producer, watches the performance through one of the studio monitors – to check what it will look like on TV.

Rehearsals are over and Keavy finds time to grab 40 winks in the dressing room during a rare quiet moment.

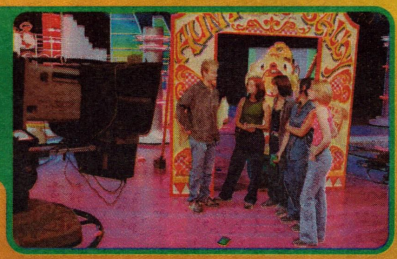
"We've got personal stereos with us and magazines to read," sighs Edele. "But on a day like today you get disturbed all the time, so there's no time to sit down and do anything properly."

One thing B*Witched always make sure they've got time for is food! Today they've ordered a large Chinese takeaway which they can't wait to scoff!

Minutes later the band rush back to the Blue Peter studio for the dress rehearsal – but once again, they have to hang around before things get started.

The Blue Peter presenters make final adjustments to their scripts. The dress rehearsal will run exactly like the real show – so there's no time for stopping and no room for mistakes.

Presenter Stuart Miles rehearses his interview with B*Witched and shows them a game they'll have to play on the programme.



The girls are fitted with body microphones for the interview. The mikes clip onto their tops, but the wires and radio units have to be hidden inside their clothes – so that they won't show on TV.

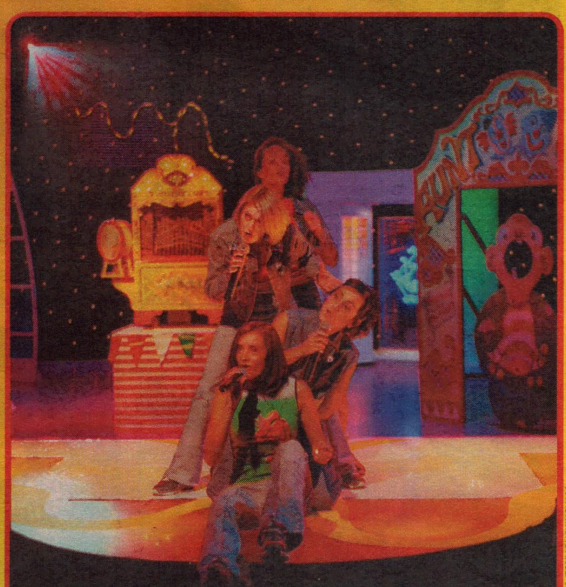
The dress rehearsal finishes less than an hour before Blue Peter goes on air. So, B*Witched dash back to the dressing room to get their hair and make-up done. Keavy keeps her eyes shut while the glue that's holding the glitter in place dries!

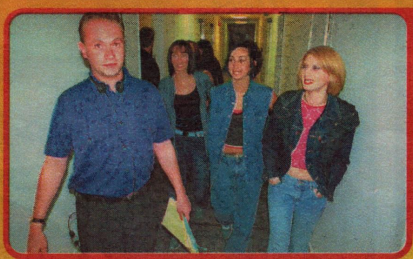
TV cameras show up every tiny detail – so it's important that the band look perfect. Two make-up artists and a hairdresser fly into action in the dressing room.

Stylist Ashley Rossiter buys the band's stage clothes, and she is on hand to do some last minute ironing! "On TV they always wear their jackets, so I have to make sure they wear something suitable underneath, that they can dance in," she explains.

It's nearly time for the dress rehearsal, and lunch is interrupted by a record company person who yells: "You've got five minutes to go to the loo!"

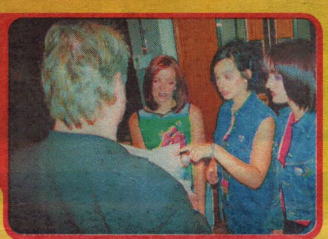
The day wouldn't be complete for Edele without receiving a legendary Blue Peter badge!





Floor assistant assistant Rob Smith knocks on the dressing room door – it's time to go! Blue Peter will be on air in just five minutes.

B*Witched have a quick chat with their manager in the final few seconds before Blue Peter begins. He reminds them that they've got to get up at 4am tomorrow!

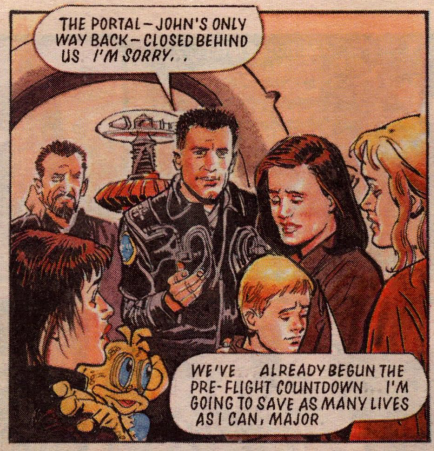


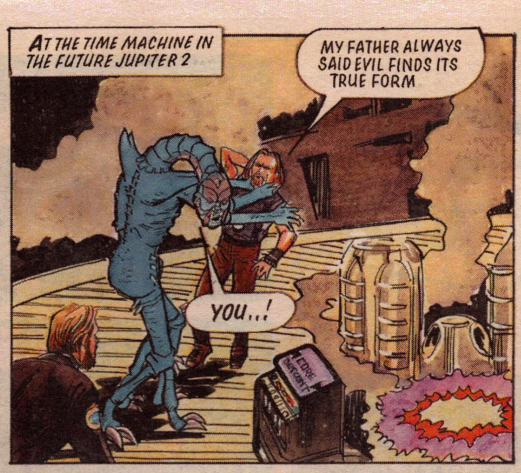
On air! At 5.10 the programme begins – and everything goes to plan. The hours of rehearsal pay off, and B*Witched put on a fantastic performance!

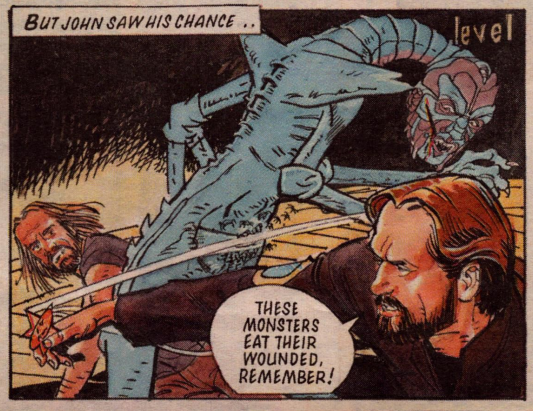
PICTURES: TONY BUCKINGHAM

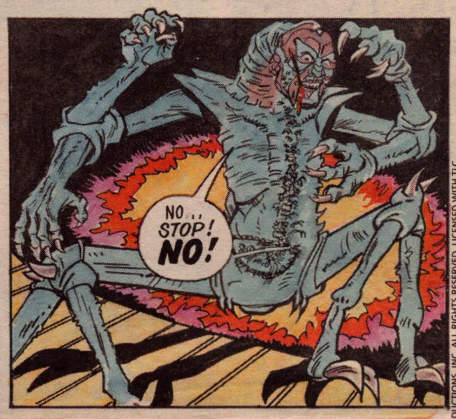
# LOST IN SPACE

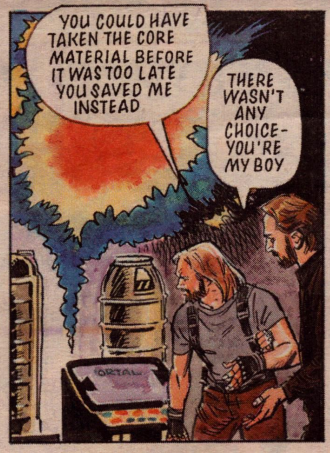
PASSING THROUGH PORTALS TO THE FUTURE, PROFESSOR JOHN ROBINSON FOUND THE RADIO ACTIVE MATERIAL NEEDED FOR JUPITER 2 WAS POWERING A TIME MACHINE BUILT BY HIS SON OF THE FUTURE BUT THE MUTATED DOCTOR SMITH, ABOUT TO SPAWN DEADLY SPIDER-CREATURES, PLANS TO USE THE ONE TRIP DEVICE TO INVADE EARTH.

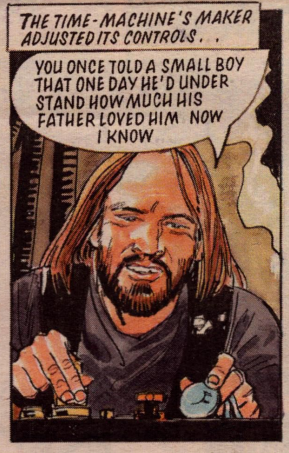


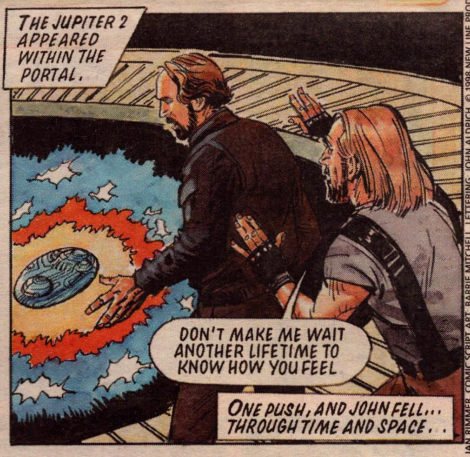



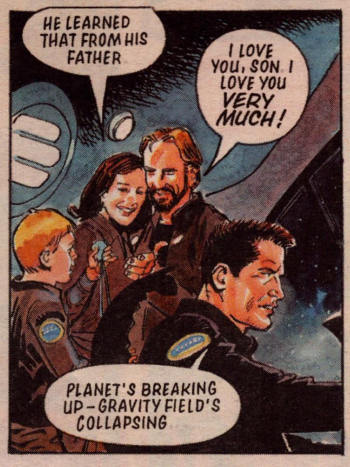






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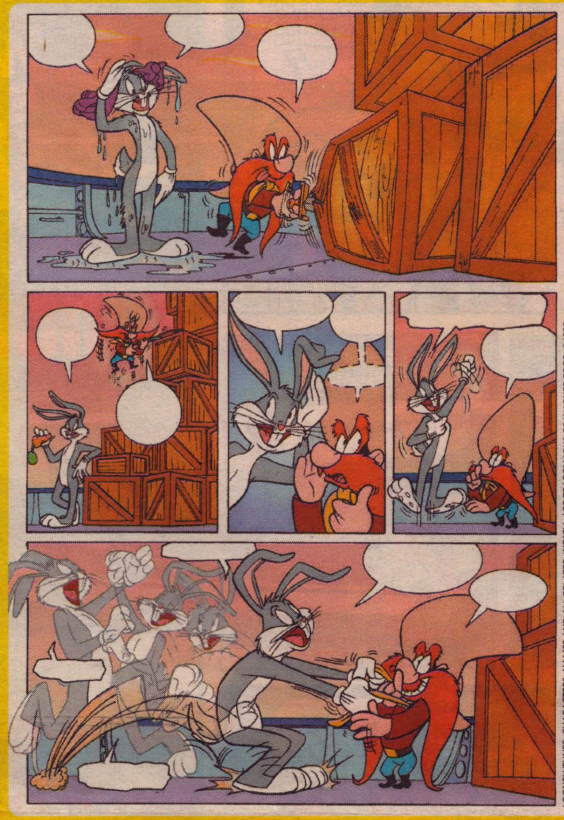

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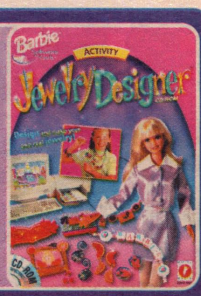
# LIFT OFF

## CD-ROM

**BARBIE** ★★★★●

This CD-Rom is the coolest gizmo we've seen in ages. First, you design your jewellery on screen, and to see how it looks, you can even get Barbie and her friends to model it for you! Next, print out your designs onto the clear sheets provided and cut them out. Then, you just pop them into the oven for a few minutes, and when you pull them out you'll see that they have shrunk into shiny little pieces of jewellery. All that's left to do is to thread them onto string. Magic!

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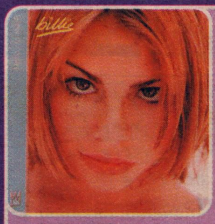



**HONEY TO THE B Billie** ★★★●●

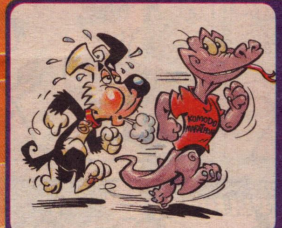
She's only just turned 16, but young Billie has obviously been working hard in the recording studio recently. As well as doing all her schoolwork, organising a showbiz birthday bash, and releasing two smash hits, Billie has also found time to record this debut album. It's a bit of a mixed bag, so don't expect the rest of the tracks to sound like Billie's first two singles. It's a collection of mainly soft and soulful numbers, and the title track, Honey To The B, stands out as the best of the crop. Single alert!

## MOVIE

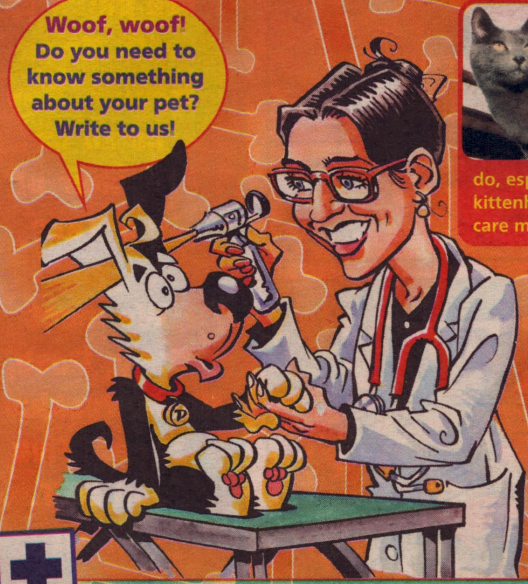
**MULAN** ★★★★●

Wow! Disney has come up with its best animated movie in years. There's action, suspense, not too many songs and some genuinely exciting moments. Mulan is a Chinese girl, who's life is changed forever when she decides to dress up as a young man, in order to join the army! She hatches her crazy plan in order to help her sick father, and defend her family name. With a pet dragon, Mushu, along for the ride, Mulan becomes a fine soldier and enters into battle against the Huns. Does Mulan survive? And can she keep her secret to herself?

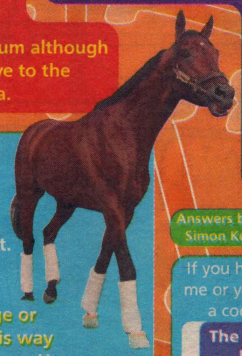
# DAGSY DOG with vet Catherine Morganti



**Dear Dagsy and Catherine,**
I would like to know more about Komodo Dragons. Can you help?
**Michael Dunlop, age 9, Aberfoyle**
Komodo Dragons come from the Indonesian island of Komodo. They are the largest living reptile on Earth, and have been around since Jurassic times. They favour a hot, dry environment, and can survive one-and-a-half months without water. They usually grow to nearly three metres and weigh around 90 kilograms. Komodos are meat eaters and eat insects, other lizards, snakes, birds, wild boar, deer and water buffalo! The average lifespan of the dragon is 30-60 years. Komodos are strong, with a long thick tail, sharp claws and saw-like teeth. They are good swimmers and runners and climb trees well.



**Dear Dagsy and Catherine,**
I would like to know if my cat really likes drinking milk.
**Alexandra Sweeney, age 5, Stevenage**
I'm sure your cat does enjoy drinking milk since most cats do, especially if they have been given milk from kittenhood. Milk is a good source of protein and calcium although care must be taken since some adults become sensitive to the lactose in the milk and it can cause diarrhoea.



**Dear Dagsy and Catherine,**
I am writing to tell you that recently I was reading about horse whisperers. I think it is great that people can try and understand why a horse is being bad rather than hitting it.
**Camilla McMahon, age 12, Worcester**
The practice of horse whispering involves talking to a horse using subtle body language or postures which the horse understands. In this way it's like speaking to a horse in its own language. Horse whispering classes are now becoming popular world-wide.

Answers by: Catherine Morganti, Simon Kent, Julie Summerfield

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:

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**Dagsy Dog**
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The Blue Cross, one of Britain's largest animal welfare charities, has three animals' hospitals, two veterinary clinics, 11 adoption centres and two equine centres nationally. Last year the charity found homes for more than 8,000 animals and treated more than 60,000 pets at its hospitals.

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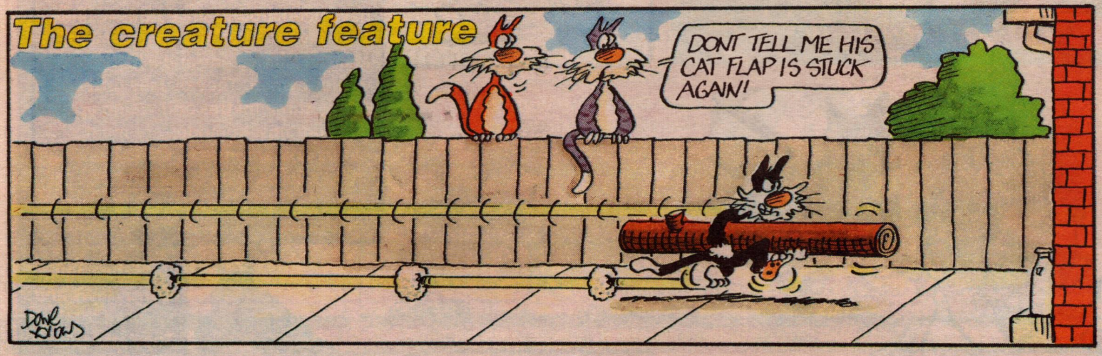
# The creature feature




# SQUIRT

## NEXT WEEK in FUNDAY

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**Find out all about the adventures of the new Disney heroine Mulan**

**We catch up with Kevin Hayter, who could be Teacher of the Year**

**We meet Baby, Posh, David Beckham, Steps, Five and OTT. Phew!**

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# sport

## John Collins

**Scotland's qualifying campaign for the 2000 European Championships is already well under way, but on Wednesday they come up against a team they really must beat – the Faroe Islands. Scotland's players will be looking to hit top form and score some goals into the bargain, with Everton's John Collins among those looking for a good performance. On his day, John is one of the best midfielders in Europe, so he could be just the man to put Scotland on the road to victory.**

- John signed for Everton before the start of this season, after spending two years playing for Monaco
- He is 30 years old, and comes originally from Galashiels in the Borders
- It is ten years since John made his Scotland debut in a game against Saudi Arabia
- He has scored 11 goals for Scotland, including a penalty against Brazil in the World Cup this summer
- He says he left Monaco because he missed Britain. Bet he didn't miss the weather, though!

## YOU'RE A LEGEND

Manchester United are the biggest team in Britain and one of the best in the world, but one of the greatest people in their history never played a game for them. Instead, Matt Busby played for United's great rivals, Manchester City, before he took over as manager at Old Trafford.

Busby was the man who put United on the map, building the team that won the FA Cup for them in 1948 and recruiting some of the best young players in the country, who were then known as the Busby Babes. In 1956, they won the championship when the average age of the team was just 22. Many members of the team were killed in a plane crash in 1958, but Busby survived to put together another sensational team that featured such legends as Bobby Charlton, George Best and Denis Law. They won the European Cup in 1968 and, in recognition of his incredible achievements, Matt was knighted. The street in which Old Trafford stadium stands was later renamed in his honour.

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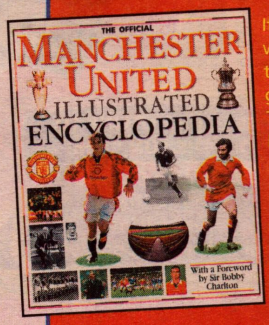
## WIN! Well read

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